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Local and Personal

Mr. C. E. Connor has returned home from a business trip to Gadsden, Alabama.

Mr. Frank Dittó spent Sunday in Jacksonville with his mother and brothers.

Major T. C. Hall spent Christmas in Ocala with his family at the Campbell House.

Miss Griffith, who spent Christmas day at Mt. Dora with relatives, has returned to Ocala.

Mr. Joseph F. Carlton is spending the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. R. Carlton.

Mr. and Mrs. Z. C. Chambliss went down to Woodmar Monday afternoon to spend a few days.

Mr. E. M. Gray of Tampa, who has been the guest of Mrs. George Close and family, has returned home.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Sanders and little daughter, Mamie Ruth, spent their Christmas vacation with relatives in this city.

Miss Byrd Wartmann went up to Citra Monday and will spend several days with her brother, Mr. E. L. Wartmann, and family.

Miss Louise Berry of Wilmington, N. C., arrived in Ocala on Monday afternoon, and is the attractive guest of Miss Sue Anderson.

Mr. and Mrs. William H. Wilson of Tampa were the Christmas guests of Mrs. Wilson's parents, Mr. and Mrs. George W. Martin.

Mr. J. M. Barco was a visitor to Ocala Monday. He was en route to Largo from Sunny Slope Farm, where he spent Christmas with his family.

Mr. C. H. Mathis, who spent Christmas at Orlando with his wife, has returned to Ocala, and will be here and in this vicinity for a couple of weeks.

Miss Carrie Williams left Monday afternoon for Jacksonville, Live Oak and Lake City, where she will spend a couple of weeks with friends and relatives.

Mr. Carlos Sistrunk, Mr. Henry Livingston and a party of friends went hunting on Christmas day and returned before dinner with ninety three doves.

Mr. Bishop of Eustis, one of the three census takers of Florida, was in Ocala Monday consulting with a committee here about taking the census of Marion county.

Mr. Morris Benjamin, of ye olden time, peeped in on us during the Christmas holidays, and was pleased to note the strides Ocala is making along so many lines.

The Christmas gifts of the Ocala merchants and bankers to their employees were unusually magnificent and liberal this year and were very greatly appreciated by the recipients.

Rev. G. W. Duval of Atlanta filled the pulpit at the Methodist church Sunday night. Mr. Duval is one of the prominent ministers of Georgia. He is a guest of his son, Mr. L. W. Duval.

MISS CHALKER WEDS MR. WILLIAM KNOBLOCK

A Christmas wedding of great interest to their friends was that of Miss Mary Inez Chalker and Mr. William Knoblock of Martin.

The wedding was solemnized on Christmas day at the home of the bride at Anthony, Rev. Newton Plummer officiating. The wedding was a quiet one, witnessed only by the relatives and a few intimate friends of the young couple. The room where the ceremony was performed was very prettily decorated and the young bride looked very sweet and happy in her wedding gown.

For some time past Miss Chalker has been employed in the telephone exchange in this city. She made many friends here by her pleasing and agreeable manners, and all wish for her a very happy married life.

Mr. Knoblock is a son of the late William Knoblock of Martin, one of the pioneer settlers of Marion county. He is a splendid young man, and is engaged in business at Martin, where he and his young wife will reside.

The Ocala Banner joins with other friends in extending best good wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Knoblock.

"MEADOW BROOK FARM"

"Meadow Brook Farm" is the completion of L. B. Parker, whose pen has already given to the amusement world several successes in the same vein with which many players have started to their renown.

W. F. Mann has given the several settings his personal attention, and the results are wonderful examples of ideality in color and detail. A thoroughly excellent company, headed by Lou Streeter, is chosen to enact the various roles, and you will greatly enjoy seeing "Meadow Brook Farm." To appear at the armory theater on Monday, January 3.

BANNER BRAND ORANGES

Mr. John Carney, of the Carney Investment Company, sent a sample box of oranges to the editor of this paper, to give a little touch of sweetness to his Christmas. They were certainly handsome in appearance, and just as sweet and luscious as their appearance indicated. They were well wrapped and well packed. This tells the story why the prices of fruit put up in this manner always bring top prices in the markets. The Carney Investment Company ships through the Fruit Exchange.

Mr. C. E. Herrick, manager of the Dixon mill at Crystal River, which was burned to the ground the day before Christmas, estimated the loss to the company at \$250,000. The loss of the mill has thrown over one hundred men out of employment, and all that remains of this huge plant is the office building, boat house and a small quantity of cedar logs. Besides the mill proper, the immense warehouses, which were full of merchantable pencil stock, the cable way which was constructed at a cost of \$18,000, an immense stock of squared cedar logs, twenty-five high, covering a space of nearly a quarter of a mile square, railroad track and shingle supply, are all a complete loss.

Mr. Lee Duncan died at his home east of the city Friday afternoon. His death is particularly sad, as he had been married just a little over a month. His wife was formerly Miss Carrie Hall. Mr. Duncan was not quite nineteen years of age, and was a splendid young man, and was in the employment of Messrs. Meffert and Taylor. His young wife has the sympathy of the community in her great sorrow.

Mr. Frank Mathews, who is now living at Fort Pierce, on the east coast, is spending the holidays in Ocala with his parents. He is in the boat-building business, and has ten men employed. He says that he has just completed building the boat with a sixty-horsepower engine, which has been entered for the regatta, and expects it to capture the trophy. Mr. Mathews is a born mechanic and musician. Indeed, there are but few things he cannot do.

The following invitations were received by the Ocala friends of the groom several days ago: "Mr. and Mrs. Angereau McConnell will give in marriage their daughter, Marie, to Mr. Richard Williams Van Brunt, on the evening of Monday, the 27th day of December, at 9 o'clock, 1909, at Centenary Methodist church, Danville, Ky. The honor of your presence is desired."

CHORAL EVENING PRAYER AT GRACE CHURCH

The congregation at Grace Episcopal church Sunday evening were given a very rare treat. Instead of the usual sermon after the evening prayer a choral entertainment was given.

The solos were from Handel's beautiful oratorio, the "Messiah," and they were very beautifully rendered. Rev. Campbell Gray, the talented young rector of the church, sang the bass solos, and the soprano parts were taken by Mrs. Gray and Mrs. Mote.

Mr. Gray has a magnificent bass voice, and his singing Sunday night was as fine as any that has ever been heard in Ocala. His voice has been splendidly trained, he having studied in New York under famous teachers for several years, and the songs from the Messiah are especially suited to his full, rich voice, and as this glorious and triumphant music poured from his lips his listeners were enchanted.

The soprano solos of Mrs. Gray and Mrs. Mote, both of whom have unusually sweet voices, were exceedingly beautiful, and added their full measure to the evening's program.

Miss Byrd Wartmann played the organ accompaniments, and never in Ocala's history has the pipe organ been so exquisitely played. The Pastoral Symphony, which she rendered between the first and second parts of the program, was so exquisite that the congregation was held spell-bound, and after the last soft note had died away there was a sigh as though they awakened from some beautiful dream. Her accompaniments were entirely in sympathy with the voices, and those who were so fortunate as to be present to enjoy this musical evening were very greatly charmed.

The church was decorated as it had been for the Christmas service, and a large congregation was present, the church being packed.

AN ECHO FROM HAPPYLAND

It is said that the general American public is particularly fond of comedy. Having this in view, the management of Sun Brothers' Greater Progressive Shows, that are billed to appear here matinee and night, on January 3rd, have arranged to present at every performance what the management styles, "The Stars of the Comic Firmament," in which they have recruited purveyors and delineators of fun from every country where humor is known and appreciated, thus making of it an international assemblage of the World's Joyful Jesters.

This season the "Main Show" program is replete with merry and breezy entrees and interludes of all kinds.

Two complete performances will be offered here, matinee at 2; night at 8 p. m. The tents are all of massive size, the seating capacity is so arranged to shelter an audience of immense size.

In the morning at 11:30 o'clock there will be given on the show lot, a galaxy of free cut-door exhibitions that are said to beat anything of the kind ever carried by a tented show.

MANY LOOKING FLORIDAWARD

Among our callers Monday was Prof. J. W. Parkhill, a member of the faculty of Lenox College, at Hopkinton, Iowa. Mr. Parkhill owns a large tract of land in Levy county, and has just returned from an inspection of his holdings, which he says comprises some of the most fertile lands in the state. He says the people of the middle west are looking toward Florida as a future home to a much greater extent than ever in the history of the country, and the excellent train service inaugurated from the north and west to Florida is doing the state worlds of good. He speaks very enthusiastically of the future of our state, and says the people of his state are much interested. Mr. Parkhill also says the west coast of Florida is surely coming into her own, now that the prospective settler is coming in and looking over the state before making his selection of a home in Florida.

The Christmas Dance

The young people enjoyed an exceedingly pleasant Christmas dance at Yonge's hall Saturday evening. The dance was given especially in compliment to the college boys and girls who are spending their vacation at home.

The hall was elaborately decorated with Christmas greens and many college pennants added greatly to the decoration of the hall. The young people were all in a holiday humor, and the evening was one of a great deal of pleasure, the dancing being unusually enjoyable.

The Pioneer

Having been in the business since Jan. 17th, 1880, the oldest and largest bank in the county, incorporated and carrying nearly Half Million Dollars Assets, are well prepared to be of service to newcomers.

THE MUNROE & CHAMBLISS BANK

OCALA FLORIDA

DEATH OF MR. CUMMER

In the death of Mr. Wellington Wilson Cummer Jacksonville loses one of her most prominent citizens and her foremost philanthropist. It was largely through Mr. Cummer's instrumentalities that the magnificent Y. M. C. A. building was recently erected in Jacksonville. He took a personal pride in its erection and his own donation was one hundred thousand dollars. This is the largest amount ever subscribed to any charitable institution in this state by any single individual. It was one of his last public charities and its completion and use was one of the greatest joys of Mr. Cummer's life. With his approbation and active support Mrs. Cummer established and maintained three free kindergartens, and his charities were extended along other lines.

Mr. Cummer came to Florida from Michigan in 1892 and immediately became prominent in business circles. The Cummer mills soon grew to be the largest in the state, and his real estate holdings were perhaps as big as some of the smaller states. His name was at once associated with the building of railroads and the establishment of steamship lines, and he was one of Florida's largest turpentine and phosphate operators. At the time of his death he had two thousand men in his employment.

Jacksonville signally honored him while living and sincerely mourns his death.

In paying a tribute to his memory the Times-Union says:

Although Mr. Cummer's life from boyhood had been a busy one and though his large operations have permeated nearly all sections of his adopted country, he has been liberal and generous in his contributions of time and money to public affairs and charitable purposes, never forgetting that the highest type of citizenship is that which is mindful of honor, friend, neighbor and country. Jacksonville became his legal residence in 1902, his various interests requiring his personal time and attention. Here he identified himself with public affairs and affiliated with charities, and all those things, which contribute to the welfare of a community. For many years as chairman of the rivers and harbors committee of the board of trade he rendered valuable service in the improvement of the channel of the St. Johns river.

Mr. L. R. Chazal and Mr. C. H. Lloyd of this city were in Mr. Cummer's employment, and both were in Jacksonville Tuesday to attend the funeral, which took place from his residence Tuesday at 2 o'clock. His body was laid to rest in the Evergreen cemetery.

"LITTLE TIM" IS DEAD

One of the biggest losses to the poor of New York is the death of "Little Tim Sullivan," who died in that city just before Christmas. For fifteen years he had given a big Christmas dinner to the poor, at which at least 10,000 attended. As the men passed out each one got a pipe and a plug of tobacco, and men and boys alike got a card entitling them to a pair of shoes and a pair of socks.

The preparation for the annual dinner this season was well under way when "Little Tim" was dying, and his last request was to hurry up the funeral, so that the dinner could be properly attended to. His brother, "Big Tim," carried out "Little Tim's" wishes, and the dinner was a big success, although many a tear was shed. "Little Tim's" funeral was perhaps the biggest ever seen in New York City.

The life of this man belies many newspaper stories about the meanness of Tammany and its members.

An organization with members like "Little Tim" Sullivan cannot be wholly bad, and Tim's heart was big enough to leaven a whole army and glorify a city.

Mr. Donald Schreiber arrived home Friday afternoon from Exeter College in New Hampshire, to spend the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. T. Schreiber.

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A MARVELOUS HOLIDAY SLOGAN

We interviewed a number of our merchants about the holiday trade, and without exception the testimony was that it broke all previous records.

Mr. C. R. Tydings said that he does not carry goods exclusively for the Christmas trade, but that his trade was good all the week, and on Christmas eve it was more than twice as much as it was the year before.

The Ocala Bazaar said that all day at his place looked like a bee hive, and the sales went way beyond high water mark. That the trade was simply marvelous.

Mr. Marcus Frank said that trade at his place was only measured by the capacity of the clerks. It was a red-letter day for him, but he could have done even better if he had had more clerks. A great many customers had to leave without purchasing, as the clerks had more than they could do.

Mr. Jake Klein tells the same story. He says that it was a harvest. It was his best day in Ocala.

Mr. Weathers, Messrs. Helvenston & Pasteur, Mr. Rheinauer, Mr. Fisher, the Globe and Guarantee, all make the same buoyant statements.

The grocery trade was good all the week. It condenses the story of progress and prosperity. It emphasizes the fact that those "good times" so long promised reached us in good shape. Santa Claus not only made the little ones happy, but distributed his cornucopia of blessings with a lavish manner and made no exceptions nor discriminations.

Judge Howard Van Epps, a prominent lawyer of Atlanta, dropped dead in Lake City, Fla., on Christmas eve night. The distinguished jurist was 62 years of age. He was a member of the Atlanta-Homosassa Fishing Club, and was quite well known in Ocala.

Mr. J. H. Brinson, superintendent of public instruction for Marion county, and Mr. J. H. Workman, principal of the Ocala High School, left Monday afternoon for DeLand, to attend the annual meeting of the State Educational Association. Mr. Workman will read a very splendid paper one day during the session.

Miss Adele Bittinger arrived home Friday from Lynchburg, Va., where she attends Randolph-Macon college. Mrs. Bittinger went up to Jacksonville to meet her daughter, who has been quite sick. Her friends will be delighted to learn that she is now much better.

Little Miss Nina Camp, who has been quite sick for the past several days, is much better, which will be pleasant news to her many little friends.

Mr. R. S. Hall returned home a few days ago from a trip to New York.